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SUBJECT: NMFS CHIEF HOGARTH SEEKING ICCAT CHAIRMANSHIP:
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1. (U) On November 8, ESTH Officer delivered talking points contained in REFTEL to Julien Turenne, Chief of the Bureau of Resources and International Affairs at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fish. Mr. Turenne understood the points delivered, and explained that GOF has no objection to Mr. Hogarth's bid for chairmanship of ICCAT nor to the fact that were he to be elected, two Americans would hold chairmanship positions. However, GOF considers its position "delicate," as the decision is ultimately that of the EC, which was to have met November 13 to decide on the chairmanship questions. HOFMANN